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Senate passes bill allowing Michigan pharmacies to dispense Illinois prescriptions

LANSING – Michigan pharmacies would be able to dispense medication to people with Illinois prescriptions under legislation passed by the Senate, announced Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks.

“Allowing Michigan pharmaceutical businesses to fill Illinois prescriptions is a common sense economic tool,” said Jelinek, sponsor of the bill. “Residents who live in southern Michigan may see a doctor in Illinois, but wish to fill their prescription at their local Michigan pharmacy. In a time when Michigan businesses are struggling financially, this will provide additional revenue and keep our local stores in business.”

Under current law, Michigan pharmacists cannot dispense a prescription written and signed by an authorized physician from a state other than Michigan, unless the physician resides in a state adjacent to Michigan. Senate Bill 908 would expand the current list of Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana to include Illinois.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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